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Takeshi Nogami et al.

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Art Unit: 2823

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, POLISHING  
APPARATUS, AND POLISHING METHOD

Examiner: F. L. Toledo

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.